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Sen. McManus reminds residents to exercise caution during deer season

Lansing – State Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) hopes all hunters headed out this firearm deer season will be smart, shoot straight, and have a blessed and successful season. Just don't take her buck!

“The Department of Natural Resources estimates that hunters will take close to 360,000 whitetail deer this firearm deer season,” McManus said. “If my family has its way, several of those will be in the McManus freezer before winter!”

With the start of Michigan's firearm deer season Nov. 15, McManus reminds everyone to be extra careful in or near the woods. Some tips for hunters include:

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot.
- Know your target, and what is beyond.

Non-hunters need to exercise extra caution during deer season as well. The following advice applies to everyone:

- Wear brightly colored clothing.
- Avoid wearing gray, brown, tan or white when hiking in or near hunting areas.
- Consider using a bell on your bike or horse during hunting season.
- If you see someone hunting, call out to identify your location.

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